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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 4 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

LAOTIAN EMBASSY BANGKOK SAYS OVER 50 CUBAN ADVISERS
WORKING IN LAOS AS TECHNICIANS, AGRIC EXPERTS; NOT MIL
MEN AS RUMORED (CSM; AP WSTAR 2/3, NYDN, WP).

2. THAILAND

RTG, USG TENTATIVELY AGREE LET 3000 US MIL ADVISERS
REMAIN AFTER MARCH 30 DEADLINE FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL.
AMEMBASSY REFUSES CONFIRM REPORT, ONLY SAYS CONSULTATIONS
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CONTINUING. US MIL PRESENCE EXPECTED BE MAJOR ISSUE
DURING CAMPAIGN FOR APR 4 ELECTIONS. ABOUT 8500 US
SERVICEMEN PRESENTLY IN COUNTRY (WSTAR 2/3; AP SUN, PHINQ,
WP).

3. BURMA

UK WILL PROVIDE 3.8 MILLION DOL LOAN TO BUY ONSHORE OIL PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT FOR STATE-OWNED OIL CORP (UPI, JOC).

4. TIMOR

UN SPECIAL ENVOY DELAYS DEPARTURE DARWIN FOR E TIMOR AFTER HAVING PROBLEMS CONTACTING FRETILIN (WP). PRO-INDO PROVISIONAL GOVT OF TIMOR THREATENS OPEN FIRE ON ANY SHIP, PLANE APPROACHING COLONY. ADDS WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY UN ENVOY IF HE VISITED TERRITORY WITHOUT ITS PERMISSION (REUTER, SUN).

5. CHINA

PEKING RADIO CLAIMS NUMBER OF MILITIAMEN IN SINKIANG UIGHUR AUTONOMOUS REGION ADJACENT TO SOVIET HAS GROWN 60 PCT SINCE 1971. SAYS MILITIAMEN TRAINING WITH "STRONG CLASS HATRED FOR THE NEW CZARS," KEEPING "WATCHFUL EYE ON ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE ENEMY" (WP).

REUTER (MOSCOW) REPORTS SOVIET TV TUESDAY NIGHT SCREENED 65-MINUTE DOCUMENTARY FILM ABOUT MAOIST CHINA, PORTRAYING CHINESE PEOPLE AS RUTHLESSLY OPPRESSED, INDOCTRINATED BY LEADERS. FILM, ENTITLED, 'BEHIND THE WALL OF FEAR,' WAS SHOWN AT PEAK VIEWING TIME, GIVEN BIG BUILDUP IN SOVIET PRESS. ACCORDING CREDITS, MOVIE COMPILED FROM SOVIET AND FOREIGN FILM ARCHIVES CLIPS, AND OFFICIAL PRC DOCUMENTARY FOOTAGE. ALONG WITH INTERVIEWS WITH PEOPLE SAID TO HAVE FLED MAOIST RULE, FILM INCLUDED SEVERAL RARE SHOTS OF SINO-SOVIET BORDER. MOST DRAMATIC SCENE PURPORTED TO SHOW CAPTURE OF CHINESE SPY BY SOVIET BORDER GUARDS AS HE ATTEMPTED INFILTRATE SOVIET TERRITORY AT NIGHT.

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THOSE INTERVIEWED IN SOVIET FILM WERE SAID TO INCLUDE FORMER CCP OFFICIALS, WORKERS, SOLDIERS, RED GUARDS; MOST HAD FACES OBSCURED. OTHER SCENES SHOWED PRC MASS RALLIES, MILITARIZATION OF SMALL CHILDREN, PEKING'S TAKEOVER OF TIBET, AND REFUGEES FROM MINORITY UIGHUR NATION WHO ALLEGEDLY FLED OVER BORDER TO RUSSIA. FILM SCRIPT, JOINT WORK OF CHINESE, RUSSIAN, PROCLAIMED STANDARD SOVIET LINE THAT CHINESE PEOPLE BASICALLY FRIENDLY TO SOVIET, AND CURRENT PEKING RULERS AND THEIR POLICIES COULD NOT LAST MUCH LONGER.

ARTICLE IN THIS WEEK'S "PEKING REVIEW" SAYS WORLD'S ENERGY SOURCES "LIMITLESS"; THAT "SO-CALLED ENERGY

CRISIS IS IN FACT ONLY THAT OF THE IMPERIALIST SYSTEM,"
AND ALL THEORIES ON EXHAUSTING WORLD'S RESOURCES PUT
FORWARD THROUGHOUT HISTORY FILL NEEDS OF 'DECLINING
REACTIONARY CLASSES.' CONTENTS SUPERPOWERS' "FRANTIC

ALERTS" OVER VANISHING OIL RESERVES SOUNDED BECAUSE
80 PCT OF 'ORLD'S RESERVES IN THIRD WORLD --
WHICH US, SOVIET 'CAN NO LONGER PILLAGE AT
LEISURE" (AFP, WP).

BOEING SAYS CHINA AIRLINES OF TAIWAN WILL PURCHASE
FIVE BOEING JETS FOR TOTAL OF 86 MILLION DOLS.
AIRLINE ALSO TOOK OPTIONS TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL
747SP AIRLINERS WITH DELIVERY SCHEDULED BEGIN 1978 (WSJ).

6. JAPAN

TREASURY TUESDAY EXTENDED DEADLINE IN MULTI-BILLION
DOL AUTO DUMPING INVESTIGATION, INVOLVING JAPAN, EUR,
CANADA. NOW EXPECTED RENDER TENTATIVE FINDING MAY 11,
FINAL RULING THREE MONTHS LATER. PROBE INITIATED
AFTER REP DENT (PA), UAW ALLEGED FOREIGN CAR MAKERS
CUTTING PRICES TO DETRIMENT US INDUSTRY. GM, FORD,
AMC, CHRYSLER DECLINED JOIN IN MAKING COMPLAINT (JOC,
WASHINGTON).

WSJ NOTES MOF RELEASED FIGURES THAT SHOW FOREX, GOLD,
SDR RESERVES ROSE 339 MILLION DOLS IN JANUARY, TO 13.15
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BILLION DOLS -- FIRST SUCH BOOST SINCE AUGUST. INCREASES
PRESSURE ON YEN, AND FOREX DEALERS SAY BANK OF JAPAN
BOUGHT 150 MILLION DOLS IN ACTIVE TRADING TUESDAY, TO
SUPPORT DOL ABOVE FLOOR TARGET OF 303 YEN.

CHITRIB, BALTO N-A CARRY AP PHOTO OF MIKI, KOMOTO, IDE
"CATNAPPING' IN DIET BUDGET CMTE SESSION. CAPTION SAYS
PM "AWAKENED" BY QUESTION FROM OPPOSITION PARTY.

7. AUSTRALIA

DEPUTY PM ANTHONY BEGINS 7-DAY JAPAN VISIT AIMED PRIMARILY
AT PROTECTING AUSTRALIAN LONG-TERM COMMODITY SUPPLY
CONTRACTS, ESPECIALLY FOR SUGAR, IRON ORE, COAL
(JOC).

FRASER ANNOUNCED CUTS TUESDAY OF MORE THAN 90 MILLION
DOLS IN GOVT SPENDING TO HELP SET AUSSIE ECONOMY
ON ROAD TO RECOVERY (AP, NYDN).

COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIAN LTD WILL OPEN BAHRAIN
OFFICE -- FIRST AUSSIE BANK TO HAVE ME BRANCH (JOC).

AP (ALBION DOWNS STATION) REPORTS LIFE ON AUSSIE OUTBACK IS REMOTE, BUT CAN BE PLEASANT -- AMID WINDMILLS, SHEEP KANGAROOS (NYT).

ACCORDING BAE, PROSPECTS FOR AUSSIE RURAL PRODUCTION ARE GOOD. INCOME FOR FISCAL 1975-76 EXPECTED BE 10 PCT UP ON PREVIOUS YEAR (STONE, JOC).

8. GENERAL

PRES FORD SAID TUESDAY WILL NOMINATE J. OWEN ZURHELLEN AS FIRST US AMBASSADOR SURINAM (AP, NYDN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND AT ARANYAPARTHET REPORTS KR TURNED UNCLASSIFIED

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CAMBODIA INTO WORK CAMP, WITH NOTHING -- INCLUDING RELIGION, MARRIAGE, EDUCATION -- ALLOWED STAND IN WAY INCREASING AGRIC PRODUCTION. QUOTES REFUGEES THAT NO RELAXATION STRICT DISCIPLINE, WITH ANY KIND FRIVOLOUS BEHAVIOR HARSHLY PUNISHED. NOTES CAMBODIA HAD EXCELLENT RICE HARVEST. INTERVIEWS REFUGEES, SAYS MANY REPORT EXECUTIONS TOOK PLACE PRIOR LAST 3 MOS; FINDS REPORTS TOO CONVINCING IN DETAIL TO BE TOTALLY IGNORED. QUOTES DIPLOMAT THAT IN SOME AREAS APPARENTLY WAS ATTEMPT ELIMINATE THOSE WHO HAD POTENTIAL MAKE TROUBLE. SEES LACK CONFIDENCE, ADMIN, POLITICAL CONTROL ON PART KR; BELIEVES DUE LACK TRAINED CADRE, POPULAR SUPPORT, ADMIN STRUCTURES, GOVT EXPERIENCE, UNITY. OPINES WITHOUT MANPOWER, SKILLS, CONFIDENCE THAT FELLOW COMMUNISTS IN VN, LAOS HAD, KR FELT NECESSARY ACT SWIFTLY, HARSHLY TO IMPOSE WILL. CONSIDERS THESE FACTORS AND FOOD SHORTAGE THAT THREATENED PP MAKE MORE UNDERSTANDABLE DECISION EVACUATE CITY'S INHABITANTS.

10. JAPAN

HALLORAN (NYT) IN TOKYO REVIEWS JAPAN TEACHERS' UNION OPPOSITION TO MOE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SUPERVISION OVER TEACHERS, BY GRANTING LEGAL STATUS TO SENIOR TEACHERS (SHUNIN) WHO HAVE ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF ADVISING, GUIDING OTHER TEACHERS. MOE OFFICIAL SAYS OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF STATUS REQUIRED BECAUSE SCHOOLS HAVE GOTTEN SO BIG THAT PRINCIPAL, DEAN OF FACULTY CAN NEED HELP FROM "SHUNIN" TO RUN THEM. JTU OPPOSES ON GROUNDS GOJ AIMS MAKE "SHUNIN" WATCHDOG OVER CURRICULUM, THUS REGULATE CONTENT EDUCATION. HALLORAN'S PLACES

CONTROVERSY IN CONTEXT OF LONGER, LARGER STRUGGLE OVER WHO WILL CONTROL EDUCATION, ROOTED IN PRE-WAR EXCESSES OF MILITARISTS, POST-WAR OCCUPATION REFORMS.

WSJ'S LANDAUER PREVIEWS CHURCH SUB-CMTE HEARINGS ON FOREIGN PAYOFFS BY US MULTINATLS, DUE REOPEN WEDNESDAY, WITH LOCKHEED IN "UNWELCOME SPOTLIGHT." SENATORS PLAN TRY SHOW FIRM PURSUED CORPORATE GOALS ABROAD BY UNCLASSIFIED

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"SYSTEMATICALLY CORRUPTING" OFFICIALS IN CERTAIN ASIAN, EUR GOVTS, THAT ARE COUNTED AMONG AMERICA'S "STAUNCHEST ALLIES- -- IN SOME CASES, EVEN FINANCED POLITICAL PARTIES DEEMED "HOSTILE TO THE U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST". DOCUMENTATION SAID PERSUASIVE IN AT LEAST TWO CASES.

SAYS INFLUENTIAL JAPANESE POLITICIANS I WERE ON LOCKHEED PAYROLL. NOTES BAGMAN FOR ONE POLITICAL LEADER THANKED LOCKHEED, IN PRE-ARRANGED CODE, FOR SENDING "150 PEANUTS," MEANING 150,000 DOLS. SAYS LOCKHEED HAS CONCEDED INTL BRIBERY "ON MASSIVE SCALE," BUT, SO FAR, HAS KEPT DETAILS CONFIDENTIAL, EVEN FROM EMERGENCY LOAN GUARANTEE BOARD, ON GROUNDS NAMING NAMES "COULD HAVE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES" ON FIRM "BY JEOPARDIZING THE BENEFITS OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL FOREIGN BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES." FIRM ALSO DECLINED SUPPLY BOARD DOLLAR VOLUME OF OVERSEAS SALES OF GIANT TRI-STAR, AND PAYOFFS THAT FACILITATED THEM.

DISCLOSES THAT SFRC SUB-CMTE DISCOVERED SECRETS BY "END-RUN" -- SUBPOENAED BOOKS FROM FIRM'S AUDITORS, ARTHUR YOUNG, BEFORE LOCKHEED COULD INTERVENE. IN KEEPING WITH PAST PRACTISE, CHURCH SUB-CMTE SAYS WILL KEEP IN CONFIDENCE NAMES OF FOREIGN POLITICIANS INVOLVED.

11. GENERAL

CDN'S TAMARKIN (1/15), IN BANGKOK, NOTES COMMUNIST INDOCHINA MAKES REST ASIA NERVOUS, SETS STAGE FOR SINO-SOVIET SEA RIVALRY. BELIEVES NVN HAS OWN DESIGNS ON REST INDOCHINA, BUT PRC FAVORED BY KR LEADER KHIEU SAMPHAN. SAYS NVN HAS DRIFTED FURTHER FROM PRC, LURED BY USSR PURSE-STRINGS, AS HANOI OPTS FOR MANUFACTURING RATHER THAN AGRICULTURE, AS CHINESE WOULD HAVE IT. SEES NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WONDERING WHEN DOMINOES WILL STOP FALLING: MALAYSIA, THAILAND THREATENED BY COMMUNIST INSURGENCIES; BURMA RECEIVES US MIL AID IN 14-YR-OLD REVOLT OF HILL TRIBES; MUSLIMSIN S PHILS EXACT TOLL; INDONESIA BATTLES TAKE OVER TIMOR. OPINES ARMS, HARDWARE CAPTURED IN SVN ENOUGH FUEL REVOLUTION UNCLASSIFIED

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IN REGION FOR YRS AT BARGAIN PRICES.

ACCORDING TAMARKIN, AMONG THAI TENSIONS ARE 30-40,000 NVN TROOPS IN LAOS THAT COULD SUPPLY THAI INSURGENTS, AND 50,000 VIET REFUGEES LOYAL TO HANOI. ADDS NVN WNFORGIVING OF THAI ROLE AS US ALLY, TAKES TOUGH STAND OVER MIL HARDWARE BROUGHT IN BY FLEEING SVIETS. POINTS OUT THAILAND TAKING ECON PEATING, SINCE INVESTORS VIEW IT AS NEXT LOGICAL DOMINO, SCRAP PROJECTS, WAIT SEE WHAT HAPPENS. SAYS NOT SURPRISING PHILS, INDONESIA LOBBY WITHIN ASEAN FOR SOME TYPE MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT; BUT NOTES THAILAND SAYS WILL NOT ATTEND BALI SUMMIT IF MIL PACT ON AGENDA. PREDICTS UNSTABLE FUTURE FOR NON-COMMUNIST SEA COUNTRIES DUE HANOI INTENTIONS, SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY, LACK CLEAR US POLICY TOWARD AREA, WITHDRAWAL US MIL FORCES, LOW PROFILE REMAINING US MIL ADVISERS.

CSM'S DAVID FRANCIS FINDS "BLACK CLOUD" OF MASSIVE LOANS BY US, WEUR BANKS TO NON-OIL PRODUCING POOR COUNTRIES "A SMALL ONE." QUOTES FNC BANK EXPERT ON INTL PAYMENTS WHO SAID, "EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT FINE," EXCEPT FOR "FEW RESCHEDULINGS." NOTES SOME CONCERN AT IMF, WB, BALANCED BY CONFIDENCE AT TREASURY, MORGAN GUARANTEE TRUST THAT NON-OPEC LDC FINANCING PROBLEM "MANAGEABLE IN THE AGGREGATE." CITES MGT OFFICIAL WHO POINTED OUT MOST BANK LOANS GO TO RICHER LDC'S, SUCH AS ROK, PHILIPPINES, AND SEES NO DANGER THEIR REPUDIATING DEBTS. ADDS FEDERAL RESERVE OFFICIAL SAID "MAJOR DEBTORS ARE IN REASONABLE SHAPE." INGERSOLL

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